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PATENT

Applicant:	Sugiyama et al.	Docket No.:	30598.0004
Serial No.:	08/960,431	Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	October 29, 1997	Examiner:	Nguyen, G.
Title	FLATTENING METHOD AND FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	Confirmation No.:	5997

RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, of which period of time for Response is extended two (2) months to and including July 22, 2004, please consider the following.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby enclose Supplemental Declarations in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.175(b)(1) which have been executed by the inventors of the subject application.

CONCLUSION

Submittal of the attached Supplemental Declarations overcomes the Examiner's rejection under 37 U.S.C. 251. Subsequently, Applicants request a Notice of Allowance be issued in the captioned matter. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (602) 382-6337 at the Examiner's convenience, if there are any questions or anything further is needed.